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SUBJ: RECENT INVOLVEMENT BY US CITIZENS IN ILLEGAL DISTILLATION
OF MARIJUANA

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1. AN EXPLOSION DESTROYED THREE ROOMS IN THE SHIRLEY
COURTS MOTEL HERE AT 0130 LOCAL TIME MAY 9 AND KILLED USC
DAVID PAUL TUCKER, HUNTSVILLE, ALA. THE EMBASSY'S BEST RECENT
INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT TUCKER WAS "COOKING" DRUGS.
POLICE FOUND EVIDENCE THAT TUCKER HAD BROUGHT TEN GALLONS
OF ETHER INTO THE ROOM SHORTLY BEFORE THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED
AND DISCOVERED BOTH HEROIN AND MARIJUANA THERE. TUCKER CAME
TO MEXICO CITY IN THE COMPANY OF SEVERAL OTHER US CITIZENS
AFTER TRAVELING TO GUADALAJARA AND OAXACA. ONE OF HIS COMPANIONS,
LARRY EMOND, HUNTSVILLE, ALA., REGISTERED FOR THE ROOM IN
WHICH THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED. ANOTHER MAY BE NAMED CARL
CLAUS OR CARL HOWARD. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT TUCKER AND
HIS FRIENDS ARE PART OF A LARGE DRUG- RING ONE OF WHOSE MEMBERS
WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED IN CUERNAVACA.

2. AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE IN THE STATE OF
MORELOS DETAINED USC THOMAS LOUIS ARNOW, 27, IN CUERNAVACA,
CHARGING HIM WITH THE ILLEGAL DISTILLATION OF MARIJUANA. BORN
IN DETROIT, ARNOW LIVED IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA FOR SEVEN
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YEARS BEFORE DECIDING TO MOVE TO CUERNAVACA TO SET UP A LABORATORY
IN WHICH TO MANUFACTURE MARIJUANA RESIN. ARNOW BEGAN HIS
OPERATIONS

LAST MARCH 19, AFTER RENTING A HOUSE AND PURCHASING VARIOUS
ITEMS NECESSARY FOR HIS WORK. SOMEONE WHOSE SUSPICION HE HAD
AROUSED REPORTED HIM TO THE POLICE, WHO RAIDED HIS LABORATORY
AFTER OBSERVING HIM FOR SEVERAL DAYS. HE TOLD POLICE AGENTS
THAT HE HAD PLANNED TO SELL THE FIRST FIFTY KILOGRAMS OF HIS
RESIN IN MONTREAL FOR TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

3. MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARRESTED TUCKER' S TWO COMPANIONS, CARL
HOWARD AND LARRY EMOND ON MAY 10 AND ARE NOW QUESTIONING THEM.
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